
Milwaukee County's Older Population

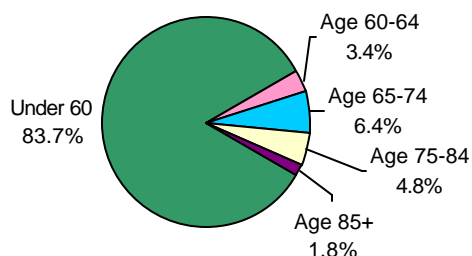
A summary of data from the U.S. Census, 2000

Population:

The proportion of people age 65 and older in Milwaukee County is similar to that of the state as a whole (12.9% versus 13.1%). The size of the older population since 1990 has decreased 6.8%, in contrast to 7.9% growth in the state as a whole. In all, 121,685 people in this county are age 65 or older, and 16,512 of these are age 85 or older. Milwaukee County's average (or median) age is 33.7 years, compared to a statewide median of 36.0 years.

Milwaukee County: Population and Change Since 1990						
	2000 Census		1990 Census		Change: 1990-2000	
	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total	Number	% Change
Total, All Ages	940,164		959,275		-19,111	-2.0%
Persons 60 and over	153,189	16.3%	172,415	18.0%	-19,226	-11.2%
Persons 65 and over	121,685	12.9%	130,587	13.6%	-8,902	-6.8%
Persons 85 and over	16,512	1.8%	14,673	1.5%	1,839	12.5%

Age Groups, 2000: Percent of Milwaukee County Population in Each Group



Race:

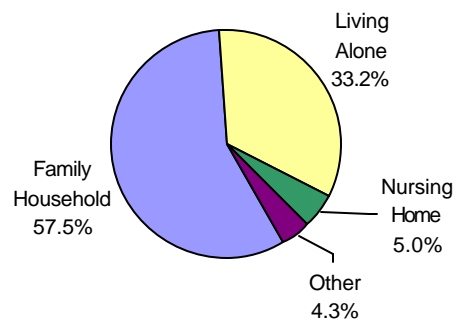
A large majority (86.8%) of Milwaukee County's 65 and over population is white. On average, the county's minority groups are younger than whites. Milwaukee County African Americans have a median age of 25.3 years, and the median age of Hispanics/Latinos here is 22.9 years. Whites, in contrast, average 38.9 years.

Living Arrangements:

Of the 377,729 households in Milwaukee County, 86,733 include at least one person age 65 or older (23.0% of all households). A total of 79,979 housing units have a "household head" aged 65 or older, and 65.9% of these are owner occupied (the rest are rented).

A majority (57.5%) of the older population lives in "family households" containing at least two people related by blood or marriage, but another 33.2% of people 65 or older live alone. Of those older people in family households, 5.9% are living in the home of one of their children. A total of 6,091 people age 65 and older live in Milwaukee County nursing homes (5.0% of all those in this age group). A very small number of the county's older residents live in nonfamily households or in other institutions.

Living Arrangements of Milwaukee County Residents Age 65+



SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000, Summary File 1.

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